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Identical letters dated 23 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to our identical letters of 24 February 2015 (A/69/795-S/2015/137), I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

From 22 February to 22 March 2015, armed terrorist groups bombed and shelled the cities of Syria, killing 172 Syrian civilians, 28 of them children, and injuring 383 civilians, 83 of them children. Those criminal acts have now claimed a total of 17,358 Syrian civilian lives, including 1,895 children; 16,129 civilians, 2,913 of them children, have been wounded.

Those figures include all Syrian governorates except for Raqqah. They do not include those members of the Syrian Arab Army, the security forces and law enforcement forces who have died in clashes with terrorist organizations and terrorists, including the foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries brought to Syria by State sponsors of terrorism in order to wreak havoc and destruction in the country, in a flagrant standing violation of Security Council resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001), 1989 (2011), 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014) and 2199 (2015). Nor do those figures reflect the civilians who have been shot, have had their throats cut or have fallen victim to any of the other barbaric criminal methods used by the terrorist organizations.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to assume its responsibilities by condemning and holding to account State sponsors of terrorism, particularly the regimes of Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and by prevailing on them to bring an end to their destructive activities, which endanger international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

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